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From: Easterling, Deborah
Sent: Monday, August 08, 2011 12:42 PM
To: 'James Listener'
Subject: RE:

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Dear Mr. Listener,

This is to acknowledge receipt of your email to the Public Service Commission. I am forwarding your email to our Clerk's Office for processing. Your email will become a part of Docket No. 2011-271-E and will be posted on our website under this docket.

Please let me know if you should require any additional information.

Sincerely,

Deborah Easterling
Administrative Assistant

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From: James Listener [<mailto:jlistener@yahoo.com>]
Sent: Friday, August 05, 2011 5:39 PM
To: Contact
Subject:

The attached article from the internal Duke energy Newsletter talks about how they will be donating up to 50,000Sq. Ft. of Office Space to be used by the Democratic National Convention to be held in Charlotte, NC. This is a Public Utility Company, and this real estate was acquired through funds obtained in monthly utility bills from customers. I don't understand how Duke Energy feels this is their right to "donate" office space to a political party.

The Company has just recently applied for a 17% increase in rates in order to cover rising costs. I do not believe they should be donating Office Space for FREE to any political party, and then trying to raise rates to help cover the additional costs.

If Duke CEO Rogers wants to donate his personal funds to provide office space, I have no problem, but when he wants to use MY funds, I disagree.

I hope you will consider this letter and the negative cost impact to Duke Energy Customers as you consider their Rate request.

Thank You,

James Listener

From: Duke Energy Internal Communications
Sent: Wednesday, June 08, 2011 2:37 PM
To: Duke Energy Internal Communications
Subject: This Week @ Duke Energy - June 8, 2011

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This Week at Duke Energy is emailed each Wednesday to all employees. It covers internal and external events.

Stormy Weather: We've Heard that Song Before

Crazy, stormy weather seems to be the recent norm in Duke Energy's service areas. Thirty-year veteran Nick Keener and his staff of Duke Energy meteorologists have seen it all this spring. It's led to a few multi-day outage situations for customers while line crews have worked long hours to get the power restored. Keener talks about the recent violent weather that's pounded the Carolinas and Midwest service territories.

Convention to Use Excess Office Space in South Tryon

Excess office space the company has under lease in the 400 South Tryon building in Charlotte will be provided as an in-kind contribution to the host committee for the 2012 Democratic National Convention. Three floors, about 50,000 square feet, will be eventually loaned to the host committee by next spring. Initial space needs by the committee will be limited, but will grow over time and peak in 2012. The space is becoming available as more employees move to the new Duke Energy Center and 526 South Church. CEO Jim Rogers is the co-chair of the host committee and was a leading figure in helping Charlotte land the convention. Rogers discussed the convention at a recent Open Forum.

The convention is expected to have an almost \$200 million economic impact in the region. This CNN video highlights some of the positive aspects for Charlotte – and, indirectly, for Duke Energy.

Joint Venture to Build Major Transmission Project

Pioneer Transmission, a joint venture between Duke Energy and American Electric Power, announced last week it will develop a 55-mile, extra-high-voltage transmission project with the Tennessee Valley Authority in Indiana and Kentucky. The cost of the project, which would also include construction of a new 765-kilovolt substation, is estimated at \$275 million.

Update at the Buck Project: See for Yourself

The latest Wild Cuts photo, taken by Jason Furr, gives a visual update on construction of the 620-megawatt Buck Combined Cycle natural gas project in North Carolina. The project is about 73 percent complete. The Buck project should be in commercial operation this December. A similar, combined cycle project at Dan River in North Carolina should be online at the end of 2012.

Don Ligon Builds a Solid Foundation for Students

Over the past decade, employee Don Ligon has built more than 150 sturdy, solid-oak desks for children with special needs in Charlotte public schools. When he started, Ligon already had a love for